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Attn: Mail Stop Amendment

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/694,729; Filed: October 29, 2003

Multipurpose and Programmable Pad Ring for an Integrated Circuit For:

TRAN et al. Inventors: Our Ref: 1875.4520000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22);
- 2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover: \$120.00 One (1) month extension of time fee;
- 3. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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